

SENATE CHAMBER,
AUSTIN, TEXAS, Thursday, March 16, 1871. }

Senate met pursuant to adjournment; President Campbell presiding.

Roll called; quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

On motion of Senator Gaines; the reading of the journal of yesterday was dispensed with.

On motion of Senator Mills, the Doorkeeper was granted leave of absence for this day.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

Report of Committee on Engrossed Bills :

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL.

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Committee on Engrossed Bills, having examined and compared Senate bills Nos. 113, "An act to authorize the erection of a toll bridge over Rush creek, in Navarro county, Texas;" No. 129, "An act to authorize T. S. Garrison to erect a toll bridge over Atoyac river, in Rusk county, Texas;" No. 229, "An act to incorporate the Star State Savings Association;" and Senate joint resolution No. 27, "Requesting our Representatives and Senators in the Congress of the United States to procure the passage of an act creating and establishing a port of entry at the city of Rockport, on Aransas Bay, in the county of Refugio, in this State," find the same to be correctly engrossed.

G. T. RUBY,
P. W. HALL.

Report read and received, and the Secretary carried to the House for concurrence Senate joint resolution No. 27, and Senate bills Nos. 113, 129 and 229.

Senator Pridgen submitted the following report of the Select Committee on Senate bill No. 89:

COMMITTEE ROOM,
AUSTIN, March 16, 1871.

Hon. DON CAMPBELL,

President of the Senate:

SIR: Your Select Committee, to whom was referred Senate bill

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No. 89, entitled "An act to incorporate the West Texas Road Steamer Transportation Company," have considered the same, and I am instructed to report back to the Senate the accompanying substitute and recommend that it do pass.

J. S. MILLS,
Chairman.

Substitute to Senate bill No. 89, "An act to incorporate the West Texas Road Steamer Transportation Company." Report and substitute read and laid over under the rules.

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS.

By Senator Pyle: a bill (Senate bill No. 253) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Trinity Navigation Company." Read first time, and referred to Committee on Internal Improvements.

Senator Pettit offered the following resolution:

Resolved, That the several clerks assigned the various committees of this Senate, excepting the clerks of the Judiciary, Enrolling and Engrossing committees, be, and the same are hereby discharged from service from and after this date.

Senator Baker moved the adoption of the resolution.

Message from the House by the Chief Clerk informing the Senate that the House had passed the following Senate bills:

Senate bill No. 110, "An act to incorporate the Rusk and Harrison county Railway Company."

Senate bill No. 132, "An act authorizing C. C. Dewitt and T. M. Harwood, of Gonzales county, to construct a bridge across the Guadalupe river, at or near Gonzales, in Gonzales county."

Senate bill No. 172, "An act to incorporate the Texas Dry Dock Company."

Also, for concurrence, the following House bills:

House bill No. 171, "An act to incorporate the Hebrew Benevolent Society of Brownsville and Matamoros, in Brownsville, Cameron county, Texas." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

House bill No. 288, "An act to incorporate the East Fork Plank Road Company." Read first time and referred to Committee on State Affairs.

House bill No. 421, "An act to create the county of Tegener." Read first time and referred to Committee on Counties and County Boundaries.

Senator Mills offered the following substitute to the resolution of Senator Pettit:

WHEREAS, The number of committee clerks and porters employed

by the Senate are in excess of the force required for the service they have to perform, thus causing an unnecessary expenditure of the public money; therefore

Resolved, That hereafter, the following committees only shall be entitled to a clerk each, viz: Committee on Internal Improvement, Judiciary, Finance, Contingent Expenses, Immigration, Enrollment and State Affairs, and that these clerks shall attend upon the sessions of the Senate each day, and when not engaged by the chairmen of the respective committees to which they belong, they shall perform such duties as may be assigned them by the general Clerk.

Resolved, 2. That hereafter there shall be six porters, and no more, employed by the Senate, two for the Senate Chamber and four for the various committees, and said porters and the messengers and pages shall receive five dollars per diem.

On motion of Senator Pettit, the substitute was laid on the table.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution of Senator Pettit,

Senator Ruby made the point of order, that the tabling of the substitute carried with it the original resolution.

The Chair decided the point of order not well taken.

10½ A. M.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, House bill No. 115, "An act to regulate the keeping and bearing of deadly weapons," on motion the special order was postponed until the subject matter before the Senate was disposed of.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution of Senator Pettit, yeas and nays called for, and result as follows:

Yeas—Mr. President, Baker, Bell, Bowers, Braughton, Cole, Dillard, Dohoney, Douglass, Evans, Flanagan, Gaines, Hertzberg, Hillebrandt, Latimer, Mills, Pettit, Pickett, Pridgen, Pyle, Ruby, Shannon, Tendick—23.

Nays—Ford, Fountain, Hall, Parsons, Rawson, Saylor—6.

So the resolution was adopted.

Senator Ruby moved to reconsider the vote just taken.

Senator Pyle moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table, which motion was adopted and the motion to reconsider was laid on the table.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the postponed special order, House bill No. 115.

On motion, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

Senator Fountain, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, having under consideration House bill No. 115, reported progress

and asked leave to sit again to-morrow at 10:30 A. M. Report received and leave granted.

Senator Bell moved a suspension of the rules to take from file Senate joint resolution No. 8, "To authorize and require the Governor to lease the State Penitentiary, together with the labor of the convicts."

Motion to suspend the rules carried.

Senator Saylor moved that Senate joint resolution No. 8 be made the special order for Monday next, at 12 M., which motion was adopted.

On motion of Senator Braughton, the rules were suspended to take from file Senate bill No. 87, "An act to organize and incorporate the East Line and Red River Railway Company," with the following House amendments: Amend by inserting the names of "D. H. Zachery and T. J. Campbell" as incorporators; amend section one by striking out the name of "G. Mathews," and insert in lieu thereof the name of "Z. G. Mathews;" amend section one, line eight, by striking out the letter "L" before B. Allen, and insert in lieu thereof the letter "S;" also, strike out the name of "T. B. Goyne;" amend section four, line seven, insert after the words "vice president," the words "form the incorporators of this act and a—;" amend section five, lines three and four, by striking out the words "or any branch thereof;" also, by striking out of the same section, line sixteen, the words "or its branches;" amend section six by adding the words "after the passage of this act;" amend section three by adding the following words, "and shall be required at each meeting to report all action taken and proceedings held by them during the previous year;" amend section four, line three, by inserting after the word "secretary," the following words, "treasurer who shall be required to report at each annual meeting."

11 o'CLOCK, A. M.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the special order, Senate bill No. 166, "An act to establish a system of public free schools in the State of Texas," on motion of Senator Pyle, the special order was postponed until the business before the Senate was disposed of.

The question recurring on the House amendments to Senate bill No. 87, on motion of Senator Braughton, the House amendments were concurred in.

The hour having arrived for the consideration of the postponed special order, Senate bill No. 166, the Senate resolved itself into Committee of the Whole.

IN SENATE.

[Senator Fountain in the chair.]

Senator Dohoney, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, having under consideration Senate bill No. 166, reported progress, and asked leave to sit again, to-morrow, at 11 o'clock A. M.

Report received and leave granted.

Senator Parsons moved that the use of the Senate Chamber be granted to Mr. Frank White, Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights, for the purpose of delivering lectures on spiritualism, which motion was adopted.

By leave: Senator Bowers introduced a bill (Senate bill No. 254) to be entitled "An act to incorporate the Texas Dental College."

Read first time and referred to Committee on Education.

On motion of Senator Dohoney, the Senate adjourned to 10 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.
